



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 11, 2003

Ordinance

Proposed No. 2003-0389.2

Sponsors Patterson

1 AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to grant a
2 wetland protection easement over a 21.88-acre portion of
3 Auburn Narrows park to the city of Tacoma department of
4 public utilities water division in exchange for mutual
5 benefits that include construction, enhancement,
6 monitoring and maintenance of improvements over the
7 wetland protection easement area, as specified in an
8 interlocal agreement authorized by Ordinance 2003-0417.

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11 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

12 **SECTION 1. Findings.**

13 A. King County is the owner of the approximately 50.9-acre Auburn Narrows
14 park, located on Auburn-Black Diamond Road at State Route 18 in unincorporated King
15 County near State Route 18.

16 B. The city of Tacoma department of public utilities water division ("Tacoma
17 Water") requires that King County exchange a wetland protection easement with Tacoma
18 Water in consideration for mutual benefits that include Tacoma Water performing

19 construction, enhancement, monitoring, and maintenance of improvements over the
20 proposed wetland protection easement property, as specified in the interlocal agreement
21 between King County and Tacoma Water authorized by Ordinance 2003-0417.

22 C. King County desires to put into effect the provisions of the Comprehensive
23 Mitigation Plan developed by Tacoma Water and approved by Ordinance 10776 in 1993.

24 D. In 1995 property at the King County-owned Auburn Narrows park was
25 identified as a candidate for Tacoma Water's offsite impact mitigation activities and the
26 King County department of natural resources and parks and Tacoma Water began
27 evaluations for implementing a mitigation project at the site.

28 E. The Auburn Narrows park site adjoins a segment of the Green river identified
29 as a high priority salmonid habitat preservation and restoration to help meet King County
30 requirements under the federal Endangered Species Act listing of Puget Sound Chinook
31 as a threatened species.

32 F. King County purchased the Auburn Narrows park property in part with State
33 Interagency Committee on Outdoor Recreation funds for active recreation purposes and
34 is required under the state Interagency Committee on Outdoor Recreation grant to replace
35 the property subject to the wetland protection easement with property of equivalent
36 economic value that is suitable for active recreation.

37 G. Tacoma public utilities has the authority to obtain interests in real property
38 under Title 80 RCW and in accordance with the interlocal agreement approved by
39 Ordinance 2003-0417.

40 SECTION 2. The executive is hereby authorized to grant a wetland protection
41 easement, substantially in the form of Attachment A to this ordinance, over a 21.88-acre

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42 portion of Auburn Narrows park to the city of Tacoma department of public utilities
43 water division, in exchange for mutual benefits that include construction, enhancement,
44 monitoring, and maintenance of improvements over the wetland protection easement
45 area, as specified in an interlocal agreement authorized by Ordinance 2003-0417.
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments A. Wetland Protection Easement